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PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CELLULOSE PAPER PULP

BY BIODELIGNIFICATION OF VEGETABLE MASSES

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

ATT: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Fatents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's First Office Action dated March 30, 2004, with the time for response being three months or until June 30, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.